

JAVASCRIPT STRING - SEARCH METHOD

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Description

This method executes the search for a match between a regular expression and this String object.

Syntax

Its syntax is as follows –

```
string.search(regex);
```

Argument Details

regex – A regular expression object. If a non-RegExp object **obj** is passed, it is implicitly converted to a RegExp by using **new RegExpobj**.

Return Value

If successful, the search returns the index of the regular expression inside the string. Otherwise, it returns -1.

Example

Try the following example.

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>JavaScript String search() Method</title>
</head>

<body>

  <script type="text/javascript">
    var re = /apples/gi;
    var str = "Apples are round, and apples are juicy.";

    if ( str.search(re) == -1 ){
      document.write("Does not contain Apples" );
    }

    else
    {
      document.write("Contains Apples" );
    }
  </script>

</body>
</html>
```

Output

Contains Apples

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